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(57) Abstract: The invention provides methods and compositions for selectively acylating a specific hydroxyl group in a molecule of interest containing at least two unprotected secondary hydroxyl groups. Although the methods and compositions of the invention have general applicability, they are particularly useful in the selective acylation of the taxane molecules.